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NODIS/CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FAHMY'S REACTION TO YOUR LETTER

REF: CAIRO 8970

1. AL-BAZ TELEPHONED THIS AFTERNOON TO SAY HE HAD SENT YOUR MESSAGE TO FAHMY AT LATTER'S HOME. AFTER READING IT, FAHMY HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME TO EXPRESS ISMAIL'S CONCERN OVER THE ADVERSE IMPACT WHICH THE LEAKS MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER ARE LIKELY TO HAVE. IT WILL BE LIKE POURING KEROSENE ON A FIRE.
2. IN FAHMY'S VIEW, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE USG COULD ISSUE A DENIAL OF SUCH LEAKED REPORTS. HE FEARS THAT FAILURE TO DO SO WILL LEND THEM CREDIBILITY AND THEREBY GIVE NEW AMMUNITION TO SADAT'S CRITICS AT HOME AND ABROAD. THE PRESSURE ON EGYPT MAY BECOME SUCH THAT GOE WILL HAVE TO MAKE PUBLIC USG ASSURANCES ABOUT NO ISRAELI ATTACK ON SYRIA AND RELATED MATTERS.
3. I ASKED AL-BAZ TO TELL FAHMY THAT I WOULD REPORT HIS SUGGESTION, BUT THAT HE SHOULD URGE FAHMY TO KEEP HIS COOL. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT THE PRESENT TIME. I WOULD ALSO DO SO WHEN I NEXT SEE FAHMY AND WAS AT THE LATTER'S DISPOSAL ANY TIME HE WISHED TO

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SEE ME. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE THAT WE CONSULT TOGETHER

ON ANY ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE CONTEMPLATED SO THAT
NEITHER OF US WILL BE CAUGHT SHORT.

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